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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
BILL GRAVES, GOVERNOR
Clyde D. Graeber, Secretary

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Dear Interested Party:

State Statutes require physicians, hospitals, and ambulatory surgical centers to report abortions to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The law also requires physicians, who perform abortions, to report to KDHE the number of certifications received under the Women's-Right-to-Know Act. These data are collected and analyzed by the Center for Health Environmental Statistics.

The in-state collection of these vital statistics for 2001 is now complete. Additional information has been received from other states on abortions performed on Kansas residents. This report is a summary of the preliminary analysis of that data. Since abortion data from other states may continue to arrive, the *Kansas Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2001*, will contain the final analysis of abortion data.

This report also contains information the law requires physicians to report regarding abortions performed at 22 weeks or greater and partial birth procedures. No partial birth procedures were reported in 2001, the second year in a row that none were reported.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Sincerely,

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State Registrar and Director
Center for Health and Environmental Statistics

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics
Kansas, 2001**

Selected Statistics *	Number	Percent
Total* induced abortions reported	12,404	100.0
Total ** physician certifications reported	12,678	100.0
<u>Residence of Patient:</u>		
Number of in-state residents	6,401	51.6
Number of out-of-state residents	6,003	48.4
Not Stated	-	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Age Group of Patient:</u>		
Under 15 years	83	0.7
15-19 years	2,376	19.1
20-24 years	4,305	34.7
25-29 years	2,614	21.1
30-34 years	1,711	13.8
35-39 years	982	7.9
40-44 years	318	2.6
45 years and over	15	0.1
Not Stated ¹	-	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Race of Patient:</u>		
White	8,985	72.6
Black	2,706	21.9
Native American	134	1.1
Chinese	77	0.6
Japanese	14	0.1
Hawaiian	2	0.0
Filipino	20	0.2
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	386	3.1
Other Nonwhite	45	0.4
Not Stated ¹	35	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0

* Not stated values excluded when calculating percentages

* All reported, includes 121 Kansas resident abortions that occurred out-of-state.

This total is subject to change as other states submit information on Kansas resident abortions in their state.

** Occurrence data

¹ Patient(s) refused to provide information

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics
Kansas, 2001**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Hispanic Origin of Patient</u> ¹		
Hispanic	872	7.0
Non-hispanic	11,532	93.0
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Marital Status of Patient:</u>		
Married	2,255	18.3
Unmarried	10,099	81.7
Not Stated ²	50	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Weeks Gestation:</u>		
Less than 9 weeks	7,301	59.0
9-12 weeks	3,152	25.5
13-16 weeks	819	6.6
17-21 weeks	477	3.8
22 weeks & over	635	5.1
Not Stated ³	20	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Method of Abortion:</u>		
Suction curettage	10,421	84.0
Sharp curettage	1	0.0
Dilation & Evacuation	875	7.1
Medical Procedure I	187	1.5
Medical Procedure II	314	2.5
Intra-uterine prosta-glandin instillation	3	0.0
Hysterotomy	-	-
Hysterectomy	-	-
Digoxin/Induction	603	4.9
"Partial Birth" Procedure ⁴	-	-
Other	-	-
Not Stated	-	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0

¹ Hispanic origin may be of any race.

² Patient(s) refused to provide information.

³ Information not collected by other states.

⁴ No Partial Birth procedures have been performed in Kansas since October 1999.

**Selected Induced Abortion Statistics
Kansas, 2001**

Selected Statistics	Number	Percent
<u>Number of Previous Pregnancies:</u>		
None	3,657	29.5
One	2,586	20.9
Two	2,268	18.3
Three	1,744	14.1
Four	990	8.0
Five	572	4.6
Six	291	2.3
Seven or more	296	2.3
Not Stated ¹	-	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Number of Living Children:</u>		
None	5,158	41.6
One	3,303	26.6
Two	2,440	19.7
Three	1,015	8.2
Four	329	2.7
Five or more	155	1.2
Not Stated ¹	4	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Number of Previous Spontaneous Terminations:</u>		
None	10,565	85.2
One	1,459	11.8
Two	289	2.3
Three	54	0.4
Four or more	35	0.3
Not Stated ¹	2	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0
<u>Previous Induced Abortions:</u>		
None	7,645	61.6
One	3,123	25.2
Two	1,105	8.9
Three	339	2.7
Four or more	191	1.6
Not Stated ¹	1	n.a.
Total Reported	12,404	100.0

¹ Patient(s) refused to provide information

Reported Abortions by Place of Residence Kansas, 1971-2001				
Year	Total	Out of State Residents	Kansas Residents	N.S.
1971.....	9,472	5,763	3,709	-
1972.....	12,248	7,736	4,512	-
1973.....	12,612	7,695	4,917	-
1974.....	10,171	4,503	5,657	11
1975.....	9,160	3,565	5,581	14
1976.....	9,154	3,455	5,686	13
1977.....	7,965	2,918	5,045	2
1978.....	9,740	3,957	5,722	61
1979.....	12,335	5,042	7,281	12
1980.....	11,791	4,750	7,038	3
1981.....	10,448	4,150	6,291	7
1982.....	9,976	3,823	6,153	-
1983.....	8,547	3,218	5,329	-
1984.....	8,008	2,689	5,319	-
1985.....	7,092	2,447	4,645	-
1986.....	6,561	2,316	4,245	-
1987.....	6,409	2,357	4,052	-
1988.....	7,930	3,161	4,769	-
1989.....	8,984 *	3,270	4,149	1,565 ***
1990.....	9,459 *	3,341	4,175	1,943 ***
1991.....	10,141 *	4,071	6,070	-
1992.....	11,135 *	4,904	6,231	-
1993.....	11,247	4,853	6,394	-
1994.....	10,847	4,245	6,596	6
1995.....	11,149 **	4,562	6,566	21
1996.....	11,181	4,367	6,806	8
1997.....	11,507	4,973	6,532	2
1998.....	11,624	5,184	6,440	-
1999.....	12,445	6,029	6,416	-
2000.....	12,327	5,971	6,356	-
2001.....	12,404	6,003	6,401	-

* The increase in the 1989-1992 figures may not reflect an increase in the number of abortions being performed but rather an increase in the number of providers voluntarily reporting data.

** As of July 1, 1995, reporting became mandatory for every medical care facility and every person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.

*** Residency data was not available for all abortions in 1989-1990. However, due to improved reporting, residency was obtained for most of the abortions reported in subsequent years. This improved reporting is also responsible for the increase in the resident abortion ratio between 1990 and 1991.

**Induced Abortions
By County of Residence of Patient
Kansas, 2001**

County	Total	County	Total	County	Total
Kansas Residents	6,401				
Allen	24	Greeley	-	Osborne	1
Anderson	9	Greenwood	11	Ottawa	10
Atchison	24	Hamilton	5	Pawnee	7
Barber	4	Harper	5	Phillips	6
Barton	39	Harvey	41	Pottawatomie	13
Bourbon	23	Haskell	-	Pratt	17
Brown	15	Hodgeman	2	Rawlins	-
Butler	101	Jackson	17	Reno	105
Chase	2	Jefferson	17	Republic	-
Chautauqua	1	Jewell	1	Rice	12
Cherokee	17	Johnson	1,308	Riley	161
Cheyenne	-	Kearny	8	Rooks	2
Clark	1	Kingman	3	Rush	2
Clay	9	Kiowa	1	Russell	10
Cloud	8	Labette	41	Saline	114
Coffey	13	Lane	1	Scott	4
Comanche	4	Leavenworth	138	Sedgwick	1,340
Cowley	59	Lincoln	1	Seward	46
Crawford	73	Linn	11	Shawnee	431
Decatur	1	Logan	-	Sheridan	-
Dickinson	23	Lyon	72	Sherman	2
Doniphan	5	Marion	9	Smith	1
Douglas	371	Marshall	6	Stafford	2
Edwards	1	McPherson	29	Stanton	4
Elk	1	Meade	2	Stevens	2
Ellis	59	Miami	42	Sumner	33
Ellsworth	6	Mitchell	2	Thomas	8
Finney	90	Montgomery	61	Trego	2
Ford	70	Morris	1	Wabaunsee	8
Franklin	38	Morton	8	Wallace	2
Geary	140	Nemaha	6	Washington	3
Gove	1	Neosho	22	Wichita	1
Graham	5	Ness	2	Wilson	8
Grant	4	Norton	2	Woodson	4
Gray	7	Osage	21	Wyandotte	877
				Unknown ¹	19

¹ County of residence information not collected by some states that provide data on abortions to Kansas residents occurring in those states.

**Induced Abortions
State of Residence of Patient
Kansas, 2001**

State	Total	State	Total
Out-of-state residents	6,003		
Alabama	8	Nebraska	26
Alaska	-	Nevada	1
Arizona	7	New Hampshire	3
Arkansas	16	New Jersey	26
California	15	New Mexico	6
Colorado	40	New York	36
Connecticut	7	North Carolina	11
Delaware	4	North Dakota	7
District of Columbia	2	Ohio	19
Florida	14	Oklahoma	227
Georgia	8	Oregon	1
Hawaii	1	Pennsylvania	24
Idaho	3	Rhode Island	1
Illinois	52	South Carolina	8
Indiana	14	South Dakota	6
Iowa	21	Tennessee	5
Kentucky	7	Texas	40
Louisiana	6	Utah	1
Maine	4	Vermont	2
Maryland	10	Virginia	9
Massachusetts	11	Washington	2
Michigan	16	West Virginia	2
Minnesota	40	Wisconsin	20
Mississippi	9	Wyoming	6
Missouri	5,136	Puerto Rico	-
Montana	-	Canada	42
		All other Countries	21

Abortions Performed at 22 Weeks or More Statistics

Physicians reporting abortions performed at 22 weeks or more were required to fill out three numbered questions on the back of the VS-213 form. The questions and the answers are provided below for Kansas and out-of-state residents. All data are occurrence and represent a full year of reports. A sample VS-213 form is contained in the appendices.

14) Reasons for determining gestational age 22 weeks or more

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Sonogram	1	2	3
Physical examination, sonogram results and last menstrual period (if known).	39	564	603
Based on sonogram and biparietal diameter (BPD), determined gestational age to be 22 weeks.	10	18	28
Last menstrual period, sonogram, and perinatal consultation	-	-	-
Estimated date of delivery/confinement and ultrasound	-	1	1
Total	50	585	635

15a) Was the fetus viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	10	385	395
No	40	200	240
Total	50	585	635

15b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy may be viable.	10	385	395
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy is not viable.	29	180	209
No reasonable probability at this gestational age.	10	18	28
Ultrasound - Extreme immaturity of heart and lungs	-	-	-
Hypoplastic Left Heart, Chromosome abnormality	-	-	-
0 Apgar score; mother had severe oligohydramnios; fetus had poly/multicystic kidney disease	-	-	-
Diagnosis by genetic specialist with no amniotic fluid and other abnormalities	-	-	-
Extreme Immaturity of Organs	1	2	3
Total	50	585	635

Abortions Performed at 22 Weeks or More Statistics (continued)

16a) If 15a was yes, was this abortion necessary to:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Prevent patient's death	-	-	-
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	10	385	395
Total	10	385	395

16b) If 15a was yes, reasons for determination in 16a:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
The patient would suffer substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function if she were forced to continue the pregnancy.	10	385	395
Total	10	385	395

16c) If 15a was yes, basis for determination in 16a:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Gestational and diagnostic information provided by the referring physician and other health care professional(s) as well as examination and interview of the patient by attending physician.	10	385	395
The patient is suffering a medical emergency. Based on examination and interview of the patient by the attending physician, the physician judges that the abortion is necessary to prevent substantial and permanent damage to a major bodily function.	-	-	-
Total	10	385	395

Occurrence Data

"Partial Birth" Procedure Statistics

Physicians reporting "partial birth" abortions were required to fill out three numbered questions on the back of the VS-213 form. Those questions and the answers are provided below for Kansas and out-of-state residents. The questions would be in addition to those filled out if gestation was 22 weeks or more. All data are occurrence. The data represent a full year of reporting. A sample VS-213 form is in the appendices. No "partial birth" abortions were reported in 2001 in Kansas.

Number of "partial birth" procedures

Time Period	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
January 1 - March 31	-	-	-
April 1 - June 30	-	-	-
July 1 - September 30	-	-	-
October 1 - December 31	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

17a) For terminations where "partial birth" procedure was performed, was fetus viable?

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Yes	-	-	-
No	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

17b) Reasons for determination of fetus viability

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy is not viable.	-	-	-
It is the professional judgement of the attending physician that there is a reasonable probability that this pregnancy may be viable.	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

"Partial Birth" Procedure Statistics (continued)

18a) Was this abortion necessary to:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Prevent patient's death	-	-	-
Prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

18a) If the abortion was necessary to prevent substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function, was the impairment:

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Physical	-	-	-
Mental	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

18b) Reasons for Determination of 18a

Answers	KS Residents	Out-of-State Residents	Total
Based on the patient's history and physical examination by the attending physician and referral and consultation by an unassociated physician, the attending physician believes that continuing the pregnancy will constitute a substantial and irreversible impairment of the patient's mental function	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

Occurrence Data